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## Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

### Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

### The Beatitudes

He said:

- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*hope*

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

- Nikki Banas

To act coolly, intelligently and prudently in perilous circumstances is the test of a man - and also a nation ~ Adlai Stevenson I

## Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)

### A Warning Against Hypocrisy

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:

<sup>2</sup> "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

<sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

<sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

<sup>5</sup> "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

<sup>6</sup> they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup> they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

<sup>8</sup> "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers.

<sup>9</sup> And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

<sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

<sup>11</sup> The greatest among you will be your servant.

<sup>12</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Revelations 7:9-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-3



Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!  
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!  
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!  
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!



Yesterday you said tomorrow. Just do it! ~ Anon

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the rain which we have received. We are also very thankful for the improvement in our dam levels.
- We pray for Beth.
- Thanks be to God that the people of Victoria are now able to move about more freely.
- We give thanks for all the people who have helped us to live Christian lives.

### Meg's Musings

Laurie and I have watched with interest as extra buildings have been added to Tamworth Public School, which is quite near us. There have been quite a few surprises as work has proceeded. The roof line, and style of building seem completely different to the surrounding, older buildings. Our most recent surprise brought a laugh.... one of the new buildings is labelled "Teaching Block". It seemed to be an unnecessary sign. Most buildings in most primary schools are, by definition, "Teaching Blocks". Yet those in charge obviously felt that a sign was necessary. In Matthew 23 we read about the religious leaders with their tassles and phylacteries. It seemed to Jesus that they were being worn as "signs" of the leaders' importance, rather than out of a love for God.

Let's hope and pray that our lives show others that we are God's, and that He is ours..... no signs required!

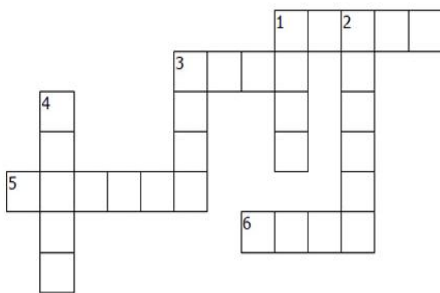
Blessings from Meg



### The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



#### ACROSS

1. To show great kindness toward others
3. To be without any faults; without sin
5. A need for food
6. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

#### DOWN

1. To be humble in spirit or manner
2. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
3. Having little money or few possessions
4. To feel sadness

- 11 November ~ Judy Nowland  
 11 November ~ Mavis Crowell  
 27 November ~ Elijah Debenham



### 1 John 3:1-3 (NIV)

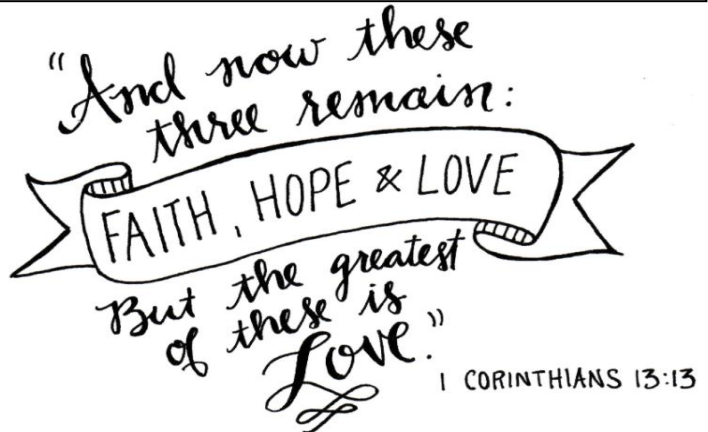
**3** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### 1 November

All Saints' Day is celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. Christian Celebration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven, and the living. ~wikipedia



### Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

<sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

<sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

